

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. – 11. (cancelled)

12. (new) A cosmetic preparation comprising

- (a) a protein hydrolyzate from at least one of silk, pashmina, cashmere wool, merino wool and mohair,
- (b) an extract from mussel threads of mussels,
- (c) at least one of sericin and a hydrolyzate of sericin, and
- (d) optionally, one or more amino acids which are at least one of biogenic and functional.

13. (new) The preparation of claim 12, wherein the preparation comprises (d) and (d) comprises at least one of carnitine, creatine, taurine and glutathione.

14. (new) The preparation of claim 13, wherein the preparation comprises taurine.

15. (new) The preparation of claim 12, wherein the preparation comprises, based on a total weight of (a) to (d), from 0.025% to 99% by weight of (a), from

0.025% to 99% by weight of (b), from 0.025% to 99% by weight of (c) and from 0% to 50% by weight of (d).

16. (new) The preparation of claim 15, wherein the preparation comprises, based on a total weight of (a) to (d), from 0.5% to 50% by weight of (a), from 0.5% to 50% by weight of (b), from 0.5% to 50% by weight of (c), and from 0.01% to 50% by weight of (d).

17. (new) The preparation of claim 14, wherein the preparation comprises, based on a total weight of (a) to (d), from 1% to 25% by weight of (a), from 1% to 25% by weight of (b), from 1% to 25% by weight of (c), and from 0.1% to 10% by weight of (d).

18. (new) The preparation of claim 12, wherein the preparation further comprises from 0.001% to 30% by weight of at least one antioxidant, based on a total weight of the preparation.

19. (new) The preparation of claim 13, wherein the preparation further comprises from 0.05% to 20% by weight of at least one antioxidant, based on a total weight of the preparation.

20. (new) The preparation of claim 14, wherein the preparation further comprises from 0.1% to 10% by weight of at least one antioxidant, based on a total weight of the preparation.

21. (new) The preparation of claim 12, wherein the preparation comprises HYDROLYZED COLLAGEN, HYDROLYZED ELASTIN, HYDROLYZED KERATIN, HYDROLYZED SERICIN, and HYDROLYZED SILK.

22. (new) The preparation of claim 12, wherein the preparation is suitable for topical application to at least one of hair and skin.

23. (new) A cosmetic preparation comprising HYDROLYZED COLLAGEN, HYDROLYZED ELASTIN, HYDROLYZED KERATIN, HYDROLYZED SERICIN, and HYDROLYZED SILK.

24. (new) The preparation of claim 23, wherein the preparation comprises from 0.005% to 0.03% by weight of HYDROLYZED COLLAGEN, from 0.005% to 0.03% by weight of HYDROLYZED ELASTIN, from 0.05% to 0.5% by weight of HYDROLYZED KERATIN, from 0.01% to 0.5% by weight of HYDROLYZED SERICIN, and from 0.01% to 0.5% by weight of HYDROLYZED SILK, in each case based on a total weight of the preparation.

25. (new) The preparation of claim 24, wherein the preparation further comprises from 0.001% to 30% by weight of at least one antioxidant, based on a total weight of the preparation.

26. (new) The preparation of claim 12, wherein the preparation is present as at least one of a hydrous preparation, an emulsion, a gel, a hydrodispersion, an aqueous surfactant solution, a microemulsion.

27. (new) A hair care composition which comprises the preparation of claim 12.

28. (new) A shampoo which comprises the preparation of claim 12.

29. (new) A hair care composition which comprises the preparation of claim 23.

30. (new) A method of cleansing or caring for at least one of hair and scalp, wherein the method comprises applying to at least one of hair and scalp the preparation of claim 12.

31. (new) A method of cleansing or caring for at least one of hair and scalp, wherein the method comprises applying to at least one of hair and scalp the preparation of claim 23.